A VIRGINIA MARVEL

Natural Ice-House on Stone Mountain in Scott County.

In the north side of Stone Mountain, six miles from the mouth of Stony Creek, in Scott County, has been discovered a natural ice-house on a grand scale. One of the old settlers first discovered it about 1880, but owing to the fact that the land on which it is situated could not be bought, he refused to tell its whereabouts, and would only take the ice from it in case of sickness. He died without revealing the secret to even his own family, and but for : party of "sang" diggers entering the region it might have been a secret for generations, as it is situated on an unfrequented part of the mountain.

The ice was only protected from the rays of the sun by a thick growth of moss resembling a texture, and like the moss that can be seen dangling from the oaks of Louisiana and Texas. Its formation was after the fashion of coal vein, being a few inches thick in some places, while several feet in others The formation indicates that it had been spread over the surface in a liquid state and then congealed. By wha process it freezes or was frozen is a matter of conjecture at this stage of investigation. Some think that it was formed in the winter, and had been protected since by the dense growth of Lemonade, Soda Water, moss which covers it, while the more plausible theory is that beneath the bed is situated a great natural laboratory whose function is the formation of ether, and the process of freezing goes steadily on through the heat as well as the cold. The growth of moss resembles the hanging moss around Hudson Bay and indicates a frigid temperature. The bed covers one acre, and if it proves inexhaustible it will be valuable, since it is located near the Three C's Rail road.-Richmond State.

NICARAGUAN WARFARE

How a Few Rebels With a Boy Commander Captured a Fort.

"Leading up the gates of the for from the wharf was a winding road Up this road the young rebel and his men marched, the boy leading off some twenty feet in advance, and swinging his sharp, razor-like sword much as one would a walking stick. I could hardly believe my eyes. Here was a mere boy with only a handful of men marching straight up to the gates of the strongest fort in Nicaragua. Instinctively I found myself on the dock and following them.

"My arms consisted simply of a re volver, and I doubt if in the excitement I realized that I might have occasion to use it. To look at that body of men swinging along up the roadway in splendid unison, one would have fancied that it was merely a reconnoitering party in from a tramp. Surely, I said to myself, their real character will be discovered before they reach the gates. They never pos-

sibly can deceive the guards. "At this moment the great, ponderofficer of the day, stepped out. He had evedently just sprung out of bed, for there was a half yawn around his mouth as he made his appearance. The sentry had told him that re- FAMILY GROCERIES. enforcements were coming up the road This was good news. It would mean lighter duty at the post and more companionship. All this, doubtless, passed through the mind of the officer of the day as he stepped out to greet the commander of the re-enforcing party. As for the thought of caution, it had not entered his mind. The rebels he had heard of, but had not seen. He they did, they were hundreds of miles from Corilla, while, besides, these men coming up the roadway were dressed

"So, with a cheery 'Glad to see you; where are you from? he advanced some twenty feet beyond the gates.

"Inside the gateway the guard was drawn up, prepared to receive the new The cheery hail of the officer of the fort received an indistinct reply from the young Spaniard. In another moment the two were but a few feet apart. I recall at that instant a whirl of steel in the air, a sharp agonizing cry, and the next instant the body of the officer of the fort lay writhing on the ground.

"Without so much as a look at the man he had cut down in his track, the young Spaniard, with the bound of a panther, sprang into the open doorway, and quicker than it can be told he had cut down the soldiers. Like the sudden blast of a mighty wind every Carried away with the excitement, I followed; and as I did I stumbled over the bodies of the dozen men of the guard. Every man had been bay oneted where he stood."-Harper Weekly.

The First Gold From California.

On Monday, the 7th day of May, 1849, there arrived in Boston the ship Sophie Walker, Captain Wiswell, from Valparaiso the 2nd of March previous. She brought with her the first gold in dust and bars ever received in this city direct from California.

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